

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Effective January 2007

OUT OF STATE PROGRAM

(National Congress, Wonders of Washington, Citizen Washington Focus, International Exchanges)

The 4-H Council will pay a maximum of \$350 of the registration fee for out of state programs to 4-H members only once in their 4-H career. A maximum of six scholarships annually will be awarded to participants in out of state programs. Priority will be given to 4-H members who have demonstrated the highest level of 4-H involvement. In order to be eligible for a 4-H National Congress Council Scholarship, youth must participate on a county or state committee and have at least 50% participation on that committee. Scholarship applications must be received at the 4-H MSU Extension office by June 1 of the current year for the following year's program. Scholarship awards will be disbursed upon completion of scholarship application, verification of program attendance, and documented 10 hours of community service completed in the year prior to the date of the scholarship application. Money disbursed will not exceed out of state scholarship budget.

STATE PROGRAMS

(Exploration Days, Capital Experience, Kettenen Center Workshops, Camps)

The 4-H Council will pay a maximum of 50% of the registration fee for up to three 4-H State Programs (including Exploration Days) to 4-H members or screened volunteers. No additional funds will be provided to individuals attending more than 2 state programs a year. State Program Scholarship awards with the exception of exploration days will be disbursed at the end of the 4-H program year (August 30) upon completion of scholarship application, verification of program attendance, and documented 5 hours of community service completed in the year prior to the date of the scholarship application. Money disbursed will not exceed state program scholarship budget.

Exploration Days

Exploration Days scholarship amounts will be determined upon completion of scholarship applications and Exploration Days registration deadline. The 4-H Council will pay a maximum of 50% of the registration fee. Budgeted funds will be divided equally among participants, not to exceed the Exploration Days budget. This is the only state program in which money will be dispersed before the end of the program year due to the large number of attendees.

*Any member/chaperone receiving scholarship funds that does not attend Exploration Days will be required, within 30 days, to pay scholarship funds back to the 4-H Council. If you do not attend Exploration Days and chose not to pay back scholarship funds you will become **ineligible** for all future county 4-H scholarship money.*

MACOMB COUNTY PROGRAMS

(Activities put on by the program committees, i.e.; Craft Workshop, Livestock Clinic, K-9 Carnival, Horse Clinic, Fishing Derby, Junior Master Gardener, etc)

The 4-H Council will pay up to 100% of the registration fee for two county programs annually. Macomb County Program Scholarships are only awarded to applicants with financial need as determined by their eligibility for food stamps or free/reduced lunch. Reimbursement will be dispersed to the program committees for the cost of the registration fee upon completion of scholarship application, verification of program attendance and documented two hours of community service completed in the year prior to the date of the scholarship application.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

All 4-H Council Scholarship awards require a certain number of community service hours. This requirement can be filled through service at 4-H activities and events at the Committee or County level. Examples of eligible options include: Armada Fair, Petting Farm, K-9 Carnival, Livestock Clinic, Horse Clinic, Craft Workshop, Ice Fishing Derby, County Awards, Proud Equestrian Program, Jr. Master Gardener, or assistance at the MSU Extension office.